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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 November 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/22)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1-23 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ehrman et al. (US 6,775,680) further in view of Jain et al. (US 7,295,752).

Regarding Claim 1: Ehrman et al. and Jain et al. discloses a video signal processing apparatus for processing a video signal, comprising: a metadata notation format identification block for identifying a notation format of metadata written in a predetermined language (**column 3 lines 48-67 of Ehrman et al.**); a conversion table selection block for selecting a conversion table corresponding to said identified notation format of said metadata from among one or more conversion tables prepared in advance (**column 3 lines 48-67 of Ehrman et al.**); a metadata notation format conversion block for converting notation format of metadata into a notation format compatible with said video signal processing apparatus on the basis of said selected conversion table (**column 3 lines 48-67 of Ehrman et al.**); and a processing control

block for controlling processing associated with video signal on the basis of said metadata whose notation format has been converted (**column 8 lines 42-57 of Jain et al.**).

It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Jain et al. invention into Ehrman et al. invention in order to convert first application language into an application support by the playback device.

Regarding Claim 2: Jain et al. discloses a video signal processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein predetermined language is a markup language (**column 8 lines 42-57**).

Regarding Claim 3: Jain et al. discloses a video signal processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said markup language is XML (**column 8 lines 42-57**).

Regarding Claim 4: Jain et al. discloses a video signal processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said metadata notation format conversion block is an XSLT engine (**column 8 lines 42-57**).

Regarding Claim 5: Jain et al. discloses a video signal processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein metadata notation formation identification block detects a tag from metadata written in markup language, thereby identifying notation format of metadata (**Fig. 9 element 560**).

Regarding Claim 6: Jain et al. discloses a video signal processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein video signal processing apparatus is a video signal recording apparatus for recording said video signal to a recording medium (**Fig. 1 element 140**).

Regarding Claim 7: Jain et al. discloses a video signal processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said video signal processing apparatus is a video signal reproduction apparatus for reproducing said video signal (**column 1 lines 40-49**).

Regarding Claim 8-10: Claim 8-10 are reject for the same subject matter as claim 1 discussed above.

Regarding Claim 11-14: Claim 11-14 are reject for the same subject matter as claim 2-5 respectively as discussed above.

Regarding Claim 15: Jain et al. discloses a video signal recording apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising: a conversion table selection block for selecting a conversion table corresponding to notation format of metadata at least compatible with video signal reproduction processing, from among one or more conversion tables (**column 8 lines 42-57**), wherein metadata notation format conversion block converts at least notation format of generated metadata into a notation format compatible with said video signal reproduction apparatus on the basis of a conversion table selected by said conversion table selection block (**Fig. 9 element 560**).

Regarding Claim 16-23: Claim 16-23 are reject for the same subject matter as claim 1 discussed above.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL TEKLE whose telephone number is (571)270-1117. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am to 5:00pm M-R and 7:30-4:00 Every other Friday..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha D. Banks-Harold can be reached on 571-272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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